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Re: Request for extension of time to submit comments on CALFED's Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan

Dear Lester:

Our office has been asked to submit comments on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan ("ERPP") on behalf of a number of environmental organizations. The public comment deadline is October 14. I am writing to request a one-month extension of the deadline, for two reasons.

First, a number of the experts we have retained to assist in this review have been handicapped by their inability to secure copies of Volume III, Vision for Adaptive Management. Apparently this volume is currently out of print. Consequently, we are reproducing copies ourselves, for our experts.

Second, a number of our client organizations, together with several of our scientific consultants, intend to participate in the public workshop convened by your Scientific Review Panel this week. Our clients and scientists have requested additional time after this workshop concludes to digest and reflect on the presentations made, and discussions stimulated, by the workshop participants. It is vital that our comments reflect the latest thinking within the scientific community regarding the issues to be aired at your workshop.

For the foregoing reasons, we request that the current deadline for public comment on the ERPP Draft Working Papers be extended by one month to November 14, 1997. We understand that completion of the ERPP process is a necessary predicate to progress on a number of other CALFED programs, and that delay in adoption of final ERPP documents may require adjustment

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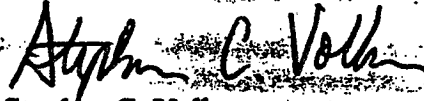
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in other deadlines as well. In view of the importance of the scientific principles and standards to be identified through the ERPP documents for subsequent guidance in other CALFED programs, however, we believe that this modest extension of time to complete the ERPP process is warranted.

We look forward to your prompt consideration of and reply to this request. Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in considering our concerns.

Very truly yours,



Stephan C. Volker  
Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund

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